

3. 7. (Amended) The activated carbon for electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 1, wherein the oxygen content at the surface thereof is 0.1 to 4.5%.

7. 11. (Amended) An activated carbon electrode formed with an activated carbon having a rate of FS (filling swing) in an α_s -plot by nitrogen adsorption method of 10 to 25 cm³/g STP, an oxygen content at the surface thereof of at most 5% as determined by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, and a specific surface area of 1,000 to 2,000 m²/g as determined by nitrogen adsorption in accordance with the BET method.

9. 13. (Amended) An electric double layer capacitor equipped with activated carbon electrodes formed with an activated carbon as polarizable electrodes, wherein the activated carbon has a rate of FS (filling swing) in an α_s -plot by nitrogen adsorption method of 10 to 25 cm³/g STP, an oxygen content at the surface thereof of at most 5% as determined by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, and a specific surface area of 1,000 to 2,000 m²/g as determined by nitrogen adsorption in accordance with the BET method.

10. 14. (Amended) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 13, obtained by tightly enclosing a separator between two polarizable electrodes and further holding the resultant laminate between two collecting plates in an electrolytic solution-containing case.

13. 17. (Amended) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 13, which exhibits a retention of resistance of 90 to 125 % in a durability test at a temperature of 70 °C and a voltage of 2.5 V for 12 hours.

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14. 18. (Amended) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 13, wherein both retention of electrostatic capacity and retention of resistance in a durability test at a temperature of 70 °C and a voltage of 2.5 V for 12 hours are 95 to 105%.

Please add the following claims 19-28:

15. --19. (NEW) The activated carbon for electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 1, wherein the rate of FS is 15 to 23 cm³/g STP.--

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16. --20. (NEW) The activated carbon for electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 1, wherein the specific surface area is 1,100 to 1,600 m²/g.--

17. --21. (NEW) The activated carbon electrode according to Claim 11, wherein the activated carbon rate of FS is 15 to 23 cm³/g STP.--

18. --22. (NEW) The activated carbon electrode according to Claim 11, wherein the activated carbon oxygen content at the surface thereof is lower than 3%.--

19. --23. (NEW) The activated carbon electrode according to Claim 11, wherein the activated carbon specific surface area is 1,100 to 1,600 m²/g.--

20. --24. (NEW) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 13, wherein the activated carbon rate of FS is 15 to 23 cm³/g STP.--

21. --25. (NEW) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 13, wherein the activated carbon oxygen content at the surface thereof is lower than 3%.--

22. --26. (NEW) The electric double layer capacitor according to Claim 13, wherein the activated carbon specific surface area is 1,100 to 1,600 m²/g.--

23. --27. (NEW) An activated carbon for electric double layer capacitor, having a rate of FS (filling swing) in an α_s -plot by nitrogen adsorption method of 15 to 23 cm³/g STP, an oxygen content at the surface thereof of lower than 3% as determined by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, and a specific surface area of 1,000 to 2,000 m²/g as determined by nitrogen adsorption in accordance with the BET method.--

24. --28. (NEW) The activated carbon for electric double layer according to Claim 27, wherein the specific surface area is 1,100 to 1,600 m²/g.--